

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of the “25th ANNIVERSARY OF NEW ZION HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH”

WHEREAS, New Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church was founded by the late Reverend Thomas E. Sapp, Jr. on March 8, 1981; and

WHEREAS, the first worship service was held at the Deans Bridge Road location on April 12, 1981; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, New Zion Missionary Baptist Church became a member of the General Missionary Convention of Georgia and the National Baptist Convention of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 1987 Reverend James A. Hogan, Sr. became pastor; and

WHEREAS, 132 original members organized the newly established church; and

WHEREAS, Nine deacons have been ordained, eight ministers have received license to preach and five ministers have become pastors; and

WHEREAS, numerous renovations have been completed and the sanctuary expanded including a fellowship hall and new offices; and

WHEREAS, a thriving congregation of more than 500 attend worship services and participate in more than 23 ministries and various programs and events in the church and community; and

WHEREAS, worship services are broadcasted on radio and television stations in the CSRA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deke Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, March 8th 2006, as “NEW ZION HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens to recognize the 25th Anniversary of New Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 8th day of March, 2006.

*Given under my hand
This 8th day of March 2006*

*Deke Copenhaver
Mayor*

